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MONTEREY NEWS

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OUR TOWN

A new seal for the Town of Monterey has been selected from the four entries submitted in the contest sponsored by the Board of Selectman. In an informal ballot at the Town Meeting last month Miss Wilson's entry, reproduced herewith, received 54 out of 65 votes. The necessary procedure for official adoption will be followed and the seal presented for formal approval at the next Annual Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen has appointed all committees and April 12 has tentatively been set as the date for a dinner meeting of all elected and appointed officers.

The newly appointed Conservation Commission under the chairmanship of Mr. Albert Phoenix is meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:30. Their first open meeting was held in the church social room on March 9. The Commission is giving its full consideration to the Garfield Dam Project.

Under the direction of Chief of Police Falcon, the previous method of answering police calls has been replaced by a commercial answering service operating 24 hours a day. We also have patrolling as an additional protection. Chief Falcon meets with the Commissioners once a month to report and discuss Police Department problems.

APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY FOR THE YEAR 1971

Board of Health:	John S. Pizzichemi, Chairman Robert M. Gauthier Kenneth R. Heath Marie A. Seifert, Secretary
Care of Veterans' Graves:	A. Wallace Tryon
Cemetery Sexton:	Sheldon E. Bristol
Civil Defense Director:	Carl E. Champigny
Conservation Commission:	Albert J. Phoenix, Chairman Frederick L. Leuchs Beatrice Phillips Frederick Vorck Henry Wolfer, Secretary
Election Officers:	Grace I. Burke (D) Margaret E. Cummings (D) Amy H. Enoe (R) Anne M. Makuc (R)
Assistant Election Officers:	Ruth Champigny (D) Virginia B. Funk (D) Elizabeth M. Thorn (R) Ann Van Horn (R)
Fire Department:	Raymond W. Tryon, Chief Thomas Andrus, Kenneth R. Heath } Assistant Chiefs
Highway Superintendent:	Harold W. Crine
Inspector of Animals:	Sheldon E. Fenn
Moth Inspector:	Douglas Lyman
Police Department	Thaddeus Falcon, Chief James Dutcher Arthur Hastedt Kitty Hastedt Douglas Lyman Leroy E. Thorpe

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APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF MONTEREY FOR THE YEAR 1971
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Pound Keeper:	Ernest F. Heath
Registrars of Voters:	Gertrude B. Gould (R) Bjorn Jenssen (D) Lucie Lancome (D) Suzanne MacIver (R)
Safety Committee:	Albert Phoenix, Chairman Thaddeus Falcon Raymond W. Tryon
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen:	Marie A. Seifert
Town Counsel:	Robert J. Donelan
Town Hall-Community Center Building Committee:	Dean P. Amidon Albert J. Phoenix Paul E. Thorn Raymond W. Tryon Edith L. Wilson
Town Report Committee:	Patricia Amstead Marion Schneider Anne Vickerman Eleanor Wolfer
Tree Warden:	Douglas Lyman
Veterans' Relief Agent:	Leo G. LaFontana (District Dept. of Veterans' Services)

GOULD FARM

Contributions — Over 800 Friends of Gould Farm generously responded to our Christmas Appeal, about double the number contributing the year before. Also, the average amount of each gift was substantially greater. Due to this outpouring of generosity the staff has found new courage to meet the problems of the present and those which the future is certain to bring.

New Chairman of the Board — The resignation of the Reverend Nehemiah Boynton III as Chairman of the Board, as well as Director, was reluctantly accepted last fall. The Reverend Virgil Brallier, who has been closely connected with the Farm for the past eight years, was elected to succeed him.

New Sewerage System — The present sewerage drainage system, installed many years ago, having become inadequate, necessitates the installation of a new system. We have obtained Town and State approval and the Town of Monterey has stated that the new system will be superior to that of many small towns. The cost will be approximately $17,000 and can be met only because of the heartwarming response to our Christmas Appeal, mentioned above.

Wadsworth Mullen

PARK COMMISSION

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 P.M. on Easter Sunday on the lawn of the Monterey Library for children eight and under. There will be prizes for the egg hunt and, afterwards, candy favors, punch and cookies in the church social room.

The skating rink is now officially closed.

Frances Amidon

MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange held its annual Booster Night March 3 and it was well attended in spite of the foul weather. We had guests from Williamsburg, South Hampton, Falls Village, Otis, Sandisfield, Great Barrington, and the state of Florida!

The card party held February 22 was very well attended. This also was held on a very stormy night. We want to thank all who ventured out to help us.

Our annual Youth Night was March 17, when young people from surrounding Granges filled our offices. We had an Irish country store, where all things sold were either green or wrapped in green.

Eva H. Jesperson

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Don't you have, somewhere in your house, light-weight clothing--especially for children and men--that you would like to pass on to victims of war, flood, earthquake or other disaster? How about extra blankets?

Church World Service needs your donations of such items. Bring them to the Monterey Store any time before April 21. They will be sent on to the nearest clothing depot.

Rose McKee

COMMUNITY: UNITY WITH DIVERSITY

Monterey is caught up in something exceedingly vital. It is struggling to find the formula for preserving a genuine unity even while strong differences exist among us. If I may be so bold as to suggest it, we can also discover the way real strength comes to a people.

Weak and fearful people try to achieve unity by reducing everything to the lowest common denominator. When men want unity so badly that they compromise their integrity they are paving the way toward a weak and ineffectual society. The result is both weak people and a sterile, apathetic community.

Most of us are poorly equipped to deal with strong differences. We are fearful of being disliked. We see how people become alienated from one another. We all remember some ancient feud in which the parties to it "haven't spoken to each other for years." So there is enough evidence around to make any one of us cautious in dealing with differences. Some sources both within and outside Monterey suggest that we are becoming extremely polarized.

We should fight against polarization with all our might. If we do, we will find the formula for strength. Any genuine community must be able not only to sustain but also to encourage differences. Why is it that some communities in their disagreements become only destructive, while others, although divided in opinion, become strong and constructive?

The thing that matters above all is the degree of respect the differing parties give each other. It is the easiest thing in the world to hate and to withdraw from the person who differs strongly from us. Children play this game all the time. The only thing that saves them is their ability to forget easily. So, their differences are healed over--but, for the most part, only because they have been forgotten.

We must take one giant step beyond the child's way of healing the wounds of disagreement. What we must not do is forget. Remembering full well that we differ, we must respect and remain in fellowship with one another. Persons who do this show that they value integrity. Herein lies the formula for a strong people and a sound community. Let us not fail our time. Our whole nation has urgent need for examples of persons who know how to turn disagreement into strength.

Virgil V. Brallier

To the Editor of the Monterey News:

I read with regret the resignation of Robert G. Brown from the Monterey Conservation Commission. He and the entire Commission were capable and energetic in the pursuit of their duties, mainly, conserving our open land.

While I have always favored the Route 23 bypass, I do not condemn anyone for opposing it, especially the Conservation Commission. They have worked hard in procuring the land for a recreational site around the body of water the new Lake Garfield dam will create. I hope that all of the controversy surrounding the Commission will not overshadow their good work in connection with this recreational area.

I cannot understand how the past Conservation Commission can be accused of "foot-dragging" in connection with the dam project. Many feel that progress will be slowed because of the delayed reimbursement from the state on the land to be taken for a recreational area; this simply is not true. The Lake Garfield damsite and the proposed recreational area are not one and the same.

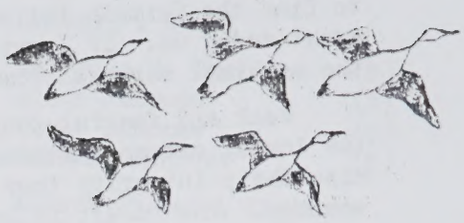
I wish the new Conservation Commission luck. Without the knowledge and leadership of the past Commission, much of the work will be lost that was accomplished in the past years.

John A. Ryder
Monterey

QUATRAIN

Against a shrouded, setting sun,
Wild geese are flying in the west.
I'm sorry for the lonely one
That has to lead the rest.

Margery Mansfield



Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
For lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The Song of Songs

He who binds to himself a joy
Doth the winged life destroy.
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise.

William Blake

JESUS, FAMISHED IN THE DESERT, EATS HIS FATHER'S WILL

I am God's darling son
Upon Earth, twin of the Moon.

Satan is out of date;
Him I must renovate.

Woman, like man, is a slave;
Them I must husband and wive.

Children, at least, will learn;
Boy and girl I can charm.

Every new generation
Shall provoke consternation.

Kelly Janes

I want so to be free---
So close it feels, and yet
It seems; it seems
I bind myself in chains.

Judith Oplinger

THE POET FRUSTRATED

It stormed the iron gateway of my mind
And beat importunate wings against my heart,
Yet still there was no exit it could find
Until the moment when I spoke: "Depart!"

I thought to see it rise and lightly swing
Its bright shape through the heavy gloom of night,
But I had loosed a poor misshapen thing
Whose body never was designed for flight.

It fell to earth with helpless twitterings. . .
Now no life stirs beneath the stiffening wings.

Patricia Howard

WALLS

I've heard that cyclone, flood and earthquake can
Draw heart to heart the people of a town.
It seems, when walls of masonry collapse
Some other walls fall down.

Margery Mansfield

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Monterey News:

The hearing on the relocation of Route 23 and our recent Town Meeting demonstrated how people can remain united, although far apart in opinions and ideas.

It is regrettable that the current correspondence and rhetoric on the failure of the Selectmen to reappoint the "old" Conservation Commission now seems to be creating the polarization, so feared previously, which never materialized.

The members of the "old" commission felt it their right to broadcast their views on Route 23 to the world through the newspaper and radio before communicating their ideas to the men who had appointed them. If the Selectmen felt that this was discourteous and demonstrated negligence of their duties as members of an appointed commission, then certainly they had the right to replace the members of that commission.

Name-calling and recriminations are getting us nowhere. Let's let the tumult and the shouting die, support our duly-elected Selectmen and our "new" Conservation Commission, and help them get the "dam" job done.

Ann Van Horn

To the Editor of the Monterey News:

I write to you as a subscriber who is experiencing great frustration in evoking a response from the Board of Selectmen of Monterey.

As homeowners and taxpayers in Monterey, abutting Lake Garfield, we have a great interest in the future of that body of water.

As you can see from the attached correspondence, I have been in touch with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and, following that correspondence, wrote to the Board of Selectmen on September 28, 1970, and again on January 4, 1971, asking for information concerning treatment of the lake.

On neither occasion have I received any response whatsoever from the Board of Selectmen.

I must be doing something wrong.

Can you please advise me how I can get an answer from our Selectmen? Many thanks.

Best regards.

Always sincerely,

Lester S. Hyman
Leva, Hawes, Symington,
Martin & Oppenheimer
815 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

To the Editor of the Monterey News:

We are ever ready to cooperate with the staff of the Monterey News, and news will be submitted whenever possible, but in regards to your request regarding the Conservation Commission, we have no desire to make any further statement. Retaliation such as this could go on endlessly and we neither have the time or inclination to do so.

Mr. Albert Phoenix is the Chairman of the Conservation Commission and will gladly cooperate by providing any special information.

Very truly yours,

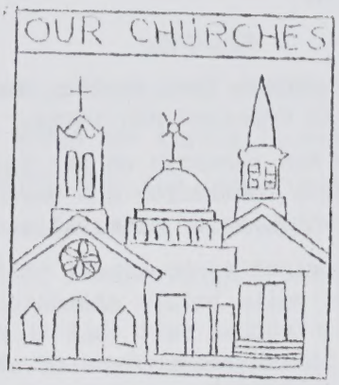
Board of Selectmen:
Robert Gauthier, Chairman
Kenneth R. Heath
John S. Pignichemi

To the Editor of the Monterey News:

The Monterey Conservation Commission is very reluctant to engage in a battle of words with the supporters of the previous commission. We have only one goal and that is to get the Garfield Dam job done as well and as quickly as we can.

We welcome any and all townspeople who wish to attend our meetings which are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the Town Offices or, as conditions require, in other locations elsewhere.

Albert J. Phoenix, Chairman
Conservation Commission



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey

Plans are being made for the painting of our chapel beginning in May.

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River

The church is now completely redecorated -- walls, paint, and lights. It is a beautiful change and fitting the type of church. All are welcome at masses on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning Worship is every Sunday at 10:30 a.m....Girl Scout Sunday was observed on March 7, with the following Scouts and Brownies participating in the service: Sylvia Brallier, Carol Burns, Betsy Bynack, Wendy Bynack, Kristine Heath, Anna Thorn, and Elizabeth Thorn.....The guest minister on March 14 was the Reverend Charles Ives.....One Great Hour of Sharing was on Sunday, March 21. This offering was for the relief and rehabilitation work of the Church.....There was a new departure on March 7 when two men, Bruce Amstead and Kelly Janes, co-hosted the coffee hour after morning worship.

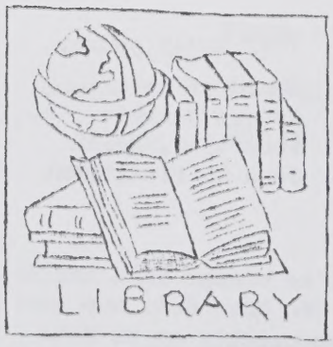
Lenten Sermons The sermons during Lent have been on the theme: "Love and the Claim of Christ". Those remaining in the series are:

March 28, "Love is Undefeatable"
April 4, "Love and the Cross"

Lenten Discussions There are two remaining discussions on the theme, "Major Human Problems": Because the discussion on poverty scheduled for March 4 was cancelled because of a blizzard, the subjects of poverty and racism are being combined in the discussion on March 25. To introduce the discussion, we will play "The Poverty Game". On April 1 we will talk about "Crime", introduced by the film, "The Recidivist". Discussions are informal. Coffee and tea are served. All in the community are invited to these discussions on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church social room.

Maundy Thursday Communion On April 8 at 7:30 p.m. the congregation will join in the Maundy Thursday celebration of Holy Communion. This has become one of the traditional services of our church, in which the ancient office of Tenebrae is used. The arrangement of the service suggests the last supper of Jesus with his disciples. Various men of the congregation participate in helping to recreate the events of the Upper Room in Jerusalem. All persons who claim the leadership of Jesus Christ are invited to share in this solemn celebration of the church.

Easter Breakfast One of the traditions of Monterey is the Easter Breakfast served for all in the community who wish to join with their fellow townsmen in celebrating this day of newness and hope. It is being held in the social room at 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning and will be sponsored this year by the Junior Hi Youth Group. Some persons will be attending on their way home from Easter Worship, while others will be participating in the Worship Service after breakfast. It would help the Youth Group if they knew how many to expect. But, whether you have left word or not, come to breakfast! You will find that you are most welcome.



Now that the Town Hall proposal has been defeated, the question of meeting space for town groups is once more of prime concern. In order to alleviate this problem, adult-size tables and chairs are being added to the children's furnishings in the library's basement room. Arrangements to use this room for meetings, hearings, etc. may be made by calling Mr. Abercrombie at 528-0714 or Mrs. Makuc at 528-0150.

Among new books ordered for the library this year is the annual yearbook of the World Book Encyclopedia. This book covers news events of 1970 and is a valuable reference tool for schoolchildren. Also available is the U.S. government publication, Your Federal Income Tax, 1971 Edition. This booklet gives instructions for filing federal tax forms in much more detail than the instructions sent to taxpayers. Specific examples cited are often very helpful in answering questions.

Anne Makuc

A reminder: Library hours are as follows:

Tuesday	9:30 - noon
Wednesday	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 - noon
	2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

GIRL SCOUTS AND BROWNIES

Brownie Troop 237 was very active this month. They made a Brownie poster which was on display in the window of the Andrus Insurance Agency in Great Barrington. This was for Girl Scout Week, March 7-13. The week started with Sunday services for all scouts in the churches of their choice. On Monday, March 8, they went to see the weaving studio at Gould Farm. Mrs. Winchester made this visit most interesting. As a bonus they got to see the animal barn, the cows, the horses, and the pigs, and helped gather eggs in the chicken coop. They were served lemonade and cookies before leaving. We wish to thank all of those who made this little trip so pleasant.

On March 10 the troop went to Great Barrington to a sing-along with other Brownies and Girl Scouts of this area. There they contributed to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund" with a penny for each of their birthdays. The singing and games were great fun.

Elizabeth Pizzichemi

CUB SCOUTS

During the month of February our theme was "American Heritage". We put on a show about the life of Abraham Lincoln at the pack meeting. This pack meeting was a Blue and Gold Banquet. Kenny Heath and Timmy Carson got their Wolf badges as well as a gold arrow and two silver arrows each. Danny Andrus got a silver arrow. The theme next month will be "Cowboys and Indians".

Mark Makuc

4-H NEWS

Monterey Panhandlers This is a cooking group for beginners. The members are Danny Andrus, Wendy and William Bynack, Kenny and Kristine Heath, and Shawn Ryder. Meetings are every Tuesday in the church social room. During the February vacation the group planned, cooked, and served a luncheon. Each person made one portion of the meal.

Monterey Roadrunners This group served a St. Patrick's Day ham dinner to about 125 people on March 17 in the church social room. The two door prize winners were: John Makuc, 1st prize, a basket of fruit, and Wendy O'Connor, 2nd prize, a box of candy. After meeting all expenses we cleared $142.

Poster Contest There were four entries from Monterey. Kenny and Kristine Heath each won an "excellent" and Susan Heath a "very good." The posters were on display at the Post Office. Kenny's poster won the Berkshire County contest and is now entered in the all-county contest at the University of Massachusetts.

Window Exhibit Contest The Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Group entered this contest. All members helped plan and set up the exhibit at the Post Office. The theme was "Horse Safety." The exhibit won a "very good" ribbon.

Gail Heath

SCHOOL NEWS

There will be a cake sale on Saturday, April 3, at 9:00 a.m. at Adams Supermarket.

On Thursday, April 20, the New Marlboro-Monterey P.T.A. will hold a card party at the Hillside Restaurant.

Ruth Champigny

THE SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAUREL FESTIVAL

The Laurel Festival has begun with full force. The Town Chairman for Monterey is Ruth Champigny. Anyone interested in working on the Festival, in whatever capacity, or in becoming a Queen Contestant or Sponsor of a Contestant, please contact Ruth at her home (528-2856) for full details. The object of the Festival is to attract tourists to the Southern Berkshire area and to provide an interesting period, May 15 to July 3, filled with fun-packed activities for all.

What can Monterey do to get on that tourist attraction map?

Margaret Vorck

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Alice Everitt, a long-time resident of Monterey, died at the New Boston Nursing Home on February 14 at the age of 93. She is survived by three sons, one of them, Edwin Everitt, a resident of Monterey. Funderal services were conducted by the Reverend Virgil V. Brallier.

Donna Mary Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett, was married on February 27 to Mr. Robert Bradford Daggett, Jr., son of the Reverend Robert Daggett and Virginia Daggett. The wedding took place in Miami Beach, Florida.

Dean P. Amidon, Jr., his wife, Blakely Ann, and their ten-month-old daughter, Shannon Lee, have been visiting his parents in Monterey since March 5.

Gertrude Gould, co-editor of the Monterey News, and her sister, Helen Shaw, left on February 26 on a cruise which will take them to Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Yokohama and many other fascinating places. They expect to return to Monterey early in June.

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The letters of support and the contributions received constitute one of the continuing sources of encouragement to the staff of the Monterey News. Since the last issue, contributions have been received from the following people: Olive Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Fijux, Richard Lankenau, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Logsdon, Mrs. Clifford Morrison, Eleanor Newey, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Eleanor A. Rigali, Marion Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

"You must treat the days respectfully, you must be a day yourself, and not interrogate it like a college professor. You must hear the bird's song without attempting to render it into nouns and verbs. Cannot we be a little abstemious and obedient? Cannot we let the morning be?"

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

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